



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MAILED

JAN 11 2002

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2100

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

Paper No. 3

C. Douglas McDonald
Carlton Fields, P.A.
P.O. Box 3239
Tampa, Florida 33601-3239

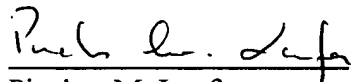
In re Application of: Barbara Brown)
Application No. 09/748,432)
Filed: December 26, 2000) **DECISION ON REQUEST FOR**
For: SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE) **WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY**
OF MANUFACTURE FOR)
COUNTRY AND REGIONAL)
TREATMENT IN A SUPPLY CHAIN)
SYSTEM)

This is a decision on the Request To Withdraw from Representation filed June 20, 2001.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney of record should indicate thereon the present mailing addresses of the attorney(s) who is/are withdrawing from the record and of the applicant. The request for withdrawal must be signed by every attorney seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The effective date of withdrawal being the date of decision and not the date of request. See M.P.E.P. § 402.06. 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 further requires that the applicant or patent owner be notified of the withdrawal of the attorney or agent.

The request filed June 20, 2001 meets all the requirements. Accordingly the request is **GRANTED**.

All future communications from the Office will be directed to the below-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant. This correspondence address is provided by the withdrawn attorney(s). Applicant is reminded of the obligation to promptly notify the Patent and Trademark Office (Office) of any change in correspondence address to ensure receipt of all communications from the Office.



Pinchus M. Laufer
Special Programs Examiner
Technology Center 2100
Computer Architecture, Software, and Electronic Commerce
(703) 306-4160

Serial No. 09/748,432
Decision on Petition

Page 2

cc: Steve Gupta
Vice President Finance
Appareon
1100 Island Drive
Redwood City, California 94065